

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING - JULY 13, 2010
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St, Elysburg, PA.

Vice Chairman Chip Wetzel called meeting to order 6:30 p.m. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attending were: Supervisors Ed Payeskie, William Wetzel, Stephen Major and Vince Daubert. Supervisor Blaine Madara was absent. Also attending were: Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Manager Joe Springer, Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Ed Miller, Code Enforcement Officer Howard Howal, Engineer Michele Auckerman, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; and Bob Kline of Keefer Associates and Harry Slotterback.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of June 8, 2010 regular meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Daubert motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Major/Daubert motion and carried.

Bills were approved as presented for payment on Daubert/Wetzel motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Investment Summary Reports for period ending March 31, 2010 are in the Supervisor's office for review.
- A Zoning Hearing Board Variance Application was received from Bryan P. Sokoloski. Hearing will be held Thursday, July 22 at 7 p.m.
- Payeskie/Major motioned to adopt a resolution Opposing Legislation to Eliminate Townships. Motion carried unanimously.
- Letter was received from Alfred Benesch & Company informing us of their applications for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project for the Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township.
- A letter was read from the Elysburg Fire Company #1 requesting \$30,000 township funding for the ambulance service. Payeskie/Daubert motioned to give \$30,000 from existing budgeted funds. Motion carried unanimously.
- PSATS executive director sent a memo to all concerned on the State Budget cuts with the approved budget for 2010.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION – Harvey Boyer, Chairperson

- Major motioned and Daubert seconded to approve the Harry Slotterback Minor Subdivision and Component 1 Sewer Module. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Payeskie

- Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to ratify and approve the paving contract and to approve the additional work for Circle View scratch coat with HRI Inc. at a total cost of \$122,825.57. Motion carried.
- Pipe Replacement at Hemlock was discussed. Permit has been applied for and DEP has not reviewed as of yet.
- Line Painting was discussed. Mr. Miller will get prices on this for the next meeting.
- Major/Wetzel motioned to send letter to Jeff Hart owner of Results Gym and Spa on parking lot matter. Motion carried.

- Mr. Daubert is going to look into new time clocks for 3 township locations and 1 Municipal Authority location for the next meeting.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- None

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Wetzel

- AED donated by Rotary will be placed in the police car on duty.
- Northumberland County has placed a burn ban countywide effective Thursday, July 8 at 3 p.m.
- Payeskie/Major motioned to purchase lap top with monthly service, etc. when the new cruiser is ready to go road bound. Motion carried.
- Payeskie/Daubert motioned to advertise used cruiser for sale with bids to be opened in August. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Madara

- 10 permits were issued and \$680.00 in fees were collected during June. Zoning officer issued several Occupancy Permits and several Burning Permits, and revoked one Burning Permit.
- Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to authorize the solicitor to review the fees for a peddler’s permit for next month. Motion carried unanimous.

RECREATION - Major

- None

RECYCLING – Major

- None

MANAGER’S REPORT - Joe Springer

- A recycling proposal from Jeff’s Recycling of Paxinos was discussed. Major/Payeskie motioned to approve the partnership with Jeff’s Recycling as soon as he is able to provide containers. Motion carried. Mr. Springer will follow up on this.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Campground Ordinance was finalized by the Planning Commission and the supervisors asked the solicitor to look into adding cabins or permanent structures to the ordinance. The Planning Commission requested that Zoning Officer Howard Howal attend the next meeting to help with this addition to the ordinance.
- Solicitor Kerstetter said Act 51 Ordinance is still being reviewed by Mr. Bittner. Mr. Bittner e-mailed that he will be in contact with Solicitor Kerstetter.
- Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to rescind adoption of Ordinance #173 Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township Guaranty for loan in the amount of \$1,150,000 with M&T Bank from last month because the Shamokin News-Item did not advertise when requested. Motion carried unanimously.
- Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to adopt Ordinance #173 Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township Guaranty for loan in the amount of \$1,150,000 with M&T Bank. Motion carried unanimously.
- A notice was received from the County Court of Common Pleas in regard to Elfar Realty Partners.
- Mr. Honaberger will need to fill out a Right To Know form to request the information that was submitted for his subdivision and pay any fees for copies as listed in the Township Right To Know Act.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- As far as the Engineer knows no work has begun at the Henry site.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- SK Estates for Cancer Care Center escrow will need to be replenished to \$5,000 to cover construction reviews by the Township Engineer. This should be done when permits are issued by Mr. Howal.
- Payeskie/Major made a motion to stop using TASC to administer the township vision reimbursement plan and to discontinue having a separate Employee Benefit Account with PLGIT. Motion carried. Mr. Springer will be the person to approve the secretary to go ahead and reimburse the employee when the correct paperwork is turned in to the Township office.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

Vice Chairman Wetzel announced that there would be an executive session for land acquisition, personnel issues and a possible legal matter at 8:07 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

- Daubert motioned and Major seconded to authorize Chairman Madara to sign the sales agreement with Central PA Petroleum for land acquisition. Motion carried.
- Payeskie/Daubert motioned to convert the performance bond to a cash security deposit for our stone bid from Corson Quarries. Motion carried with Major voting against.
- Major/Daubert motioned to take Roadmaster Ed Miller off of his 6 month probation and give him the \$1.00 per hour increase per contract effective July 18, 2010. Motion carried unanimously. Township Manager will inform Mr. Miller.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, adjourned at approximately 8:44 p.m. Major/Daubert motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary