

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING - JUNE 8, 2010
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St, Elysburg, PA.

Chairman Blaine Madara called meeting to order 6:34 p.m. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attending were: Supervisors Blaine Madara, Ed Payeskie, William Wetzel, Stephen Major and Vince Daubert. 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 Charles Pinarowicz, township resident.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Charles Pinarowicz asked the board if the township has an exotic animal ordinance. Chairman Madara informed Mr. Pinarowicz that the board had looked at an ordinance and after much discussion the ordinance was tabled. Mr. Pinarowicz also asked about deed restrictions and who polices them in the Township. He was informed that deed restrictions are civil issues.

Bids for paving contract were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Apparent low bid of HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$110,712.5 was tabled by a motion by Payeskie/Daubert at the meeting. Motion to accept the lowest bid of HRI carried via a unanimous phone vote on June 9, 2010. On the question: award is contingent upon all necessary insurance and bonds in place. Motion will be ratified at the July 13, 2010 regularly scheduled Ralpho Township Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Bids for seal coat contract were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Wetzel/Payeskie motioned to accept the apparent low bid of Hammaker East LTD in the amount of \$30,263.00 for total base bid also to include alternate bid of \$9,177.00 to be reimbursed by Elysburg Fire Company 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 May 11, 2010 regular meeting were accepted as presented on Wetzel/Payeskie motion and carried.

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

Bills were approved as presented for payment on Payeskie/Madara motion to also include insurance invoice for Gannon Associates for April, May and June payments for total of \$20,268, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Payeskie/Wetzel made a motion to reject Creekside Development - Dan Honaberger, Developer and refund the remaining balance in the escrow account attached to this development. Motion carried unanimously. Solicitor and secretary will send a letter of notification to Mr. Honaberger with Engineer's most recent review stating reasons for rejection and enclose remaining escrow balance.
- A recommendation letter from Selective Insurance, the Township's Worker's Compensation Insurance carrier was noted and the Township Manager was directed to send a letter back to them in the required 30 days.
- A letter was read from the Elysburg Fire Company #1 requesting Township funding toward the cost of purchasing a new brush truck, a 2011 GMC 3500 crew cab pickup. Wetzel/Payeskie motioned to give \$5,000 from the Township Fire Equipment Donation account toward the purchase. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION – Harvey Boyer, Chairperson

- Cancer Care Center - the easement agreement was changed to the solicitor's satisfaction so the plans were signed by supervisors at tonight's meeting.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Payeskie

- Pipe Replacement at Hemlock was discussed. Motion was made by Wetzel/Major to approve Engineer to file permit application with DPE and have chairman sign application. Motion carried. Roadmaster will find out how long in advance the pipe needs to be ordered and if it will be delivered.
- Letters will be sent to 3 homeowners on Kase Street requesting that they move their mailboxes to the opposite side of the street to benefit water runoff and road maintenance with a deadline to do so of June 30, 2010.
- Line Painting is tabled until next meeting.
- Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to rent equipment from Powell's, Clarks Summit for one week for road project preparation. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- Chairman Madara thanked Township Secretary and Municipal Authority Secretary for emptying garbage, cleaning, etc. in the absence of a janitor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Wetzel

- Supervisor Wetzel read a letter of appreciation from a community member to commend Corporal Chowka's service.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Madara

- 11 permits were issued and \$1,480.00 in fees were collected during May. Zoning officer issued several Occupancy Permits and several Burning Permits.

RECREATION - Major

- Playground mulch is complete.
- Chairman Madara and Supervisor Major want to thank Coach Jim Roth and some of the football players who came on 2 different occasions to help with the mulch at the playground this year.
- Chairman Madara thanks Roadmaster Ed Miller for his help with the playground and recycling in the absence of a janitor and recycling monitor.

RECYCLING – Major

- Supervisor Major thanked all who helped with the recycling in the absence of a monitor. He also noted the volume at recycling is way up.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Joe Springer

- Wes Fahringer from DCNR called to check on the upkeep of the gymnasium and municipal building as part of the grant review for the DCNR grant that was applied for back in April. In his opinion it looks favorable if there enough monies available.
- A recycling proposal from Jeff's Recycling of Paxinos was discussed. Manager Springer is going to make further contacts on this topic.

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 at Trollinger to verify that all is appropriate from the pension part of it.
- 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.
- Board gave permission for Solicitor Kerstetter to attend a hearing with Chief Appel. Secretary was also asked to inform both fire companies via letter that if they are in need of legal representation to inform the township office and we will try to schedule the solicitor to help them.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- To her knowledge construction at the William Henry site has not begun. Township is waiting for Henrys to replenish their escrow to \$2,500 and solicitor has not heard anything from their lawyer. As soon as construction begins she will be doing on site inspections.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wetzel/Madara motioned to allow Elysburg Alliance Church to hold event in parking lot on August 14, 2010 and have certificate of insurance and waiver signed and delivered to Township Office. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

Chairman Madara announced that there would be an executive session for land acquisition and personnel issues at 8:55 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 9:32 p.m.

- Major motioned and Daubert seconded to hire Charles S. Kowalchick as part-time Custodian/Groundskeeper/Recycling Monitor at an hourly rate of \$9.00 with a review in 6 months to start on Thursday, June 10. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, adjourned at approximately 9:35 p.m. Payeskie/Major motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary