

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING - MAY 11, 2010
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St, Elysburg, PA.

Chairman Blaine Madara called meeting to order 6:30 p.m. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attending were: Supervisors Blaine Madara, Ed Payeskie, William Wetzel and Stephen Major; supervisor Vince Daubert was absent from the meeting. 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; Harvey Boyer, Planning Commission Chairperson, Domenick Moore, *Shamokin News-Item* and T. Bryce James, surveyor.

There was an executive session held after last month's meeting to discuss personnel issues.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Stone bids were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Payeskie/Major motioned to accept the apparent low bid of Corson Quarries for the stone supplies. On the question: award is contingent upon bid meeting all legal, bonding and insurance requirements. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of April 13, 2010 regular meeting were accepted as presented on Payeskie/Wetzel 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/Major motion, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- PennDot notification on posted weight limits on locally owned bridges was discussed and explained by the solicitor.
- PennDot notification of road maintenance project on State Rt 2016 Reading Turnpike Rd was read.
- 1st Quarter 2010 Investment Reports for pensions were received from TCG Investment and are available for review in the Township Office.
- Letter from Jodi Henry in regard to escrow account was discussed. It was decided that the solicitor would write a letter to her attorney explaining that they will need to have \$2,500 in their escrow account prior to starting any work at their site.
- DEP invitation to LMIP meeting to discuss proposed construction of municipal waste transfer facility in Coal Township was read.
- Pine Avenue residents greatly appreciated the sweeper coming through their neighborhood and they did a really nice job.
- The local Chairman of Relay for Life, Lori Kreibel, invited all Township Supervisors to attend the relay May 21 and May 22 at Southern Columbia if they can and help with serving the Survivor's Dinner and speak to the community after the kick-off.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION – Harvey Boyer, Chairperson

- Payeskie/Wetzel made a motion on the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Larry D. & Pamela G. Wolfgang Final Minor Subdivision and component 1 sewage module. Motion carried unanimously.

- Payeskie/Wetzel motioned on the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the S.K. Estates, LLC Cancer Care Center Land Development plan contingent upon review of the utility easement agreement by Solicitor Kerstetter and Engineer Michele Aukerman. Motion carried unanimously.
- Wetzel/Major motioned to approve the revision to Joseph A. Shepard “Shepard’s Pond Estates” Major Subdivision Component 2 Sewage Module resubmission for chairman’s signature. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Payeskie

- Pipe replacement on Hemlock was discussed. Roadmaster was asked to call two other suppliers for a quote on 60 foot 57”x38” 12 guage aluminized type II Arch Pipe prior to next months meeting.
- Keystone Communications Street Department radio analysis was discussed. This should be kept for future evaluation.
- 2010 Paving Project – Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to authorize advertising 2010 street paving project which includes- base repair and wearing course of Circle View Drive, Forest Court, Roosevelt Ave, W. Barton St, Maple St; base course and wearing course of Horne Dr; tar & chip Jepko Road, Lieby Road and Drumheller Road. As an alternate bid scarify, grade, compact and tar and chip Fire Hall lot to be paid for by Elysburg Fire Company. On the question: bids will be opened during regular meeting of June 8. Motion unanimously approved.
- Payeskie/Madara motion to ratify City of Shamokin Street Sweeper for \$80 per hour, for a maximum of \$1,280. Motion carried.
- Jepko road repair prior to chip seal was discussed. Madara motioned and Wetzel seconded to purchase additional pipe and supplies to make repairs to Jepko Road. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS –

- Nothing at this time.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Wetzel

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Madara

- 20 permits were issued and \$1,527.65 in fees were collected during April. Zoning officer issued several Occupancy Permits and several Burning Permits; collected monies for Amusement Licenses.
- Sign regulation enforcement will be discussed in executive session because of possible litigation.

RECREATION - Major

- Shed near softball field will be removed from the agenda until the softball organization contacts the township.
- Log cabin in playground has been removed.
- Decorative mulch in the playground was discussed. Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to purchase new decorative mulch for the playground not to exceed \$1,000. Motion carried.
- Saturday, May 15 there will be a playground cleanup from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shamokin News-Item reporter was asked to report in the paper that we are looking for help that day.

RECYCLING – Major

- Supervisor Major wanted to thank all those who have volunteered to help out with recycling until a new person is hired to monitor the recycling center.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Recreation grant was submitted and the evaluation period can be up to 10 months to see if we will be funded or not.
- Manager attended Act 32 meeting again this month.
- Supervisor Payeskie lead a discussion on chain of command that will help the township run more smoothly.

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.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Have begun the application for the required General Permit 11 from DEP for Hemlock Lane Culvert Replacement and will be able to complete and submit upon final selection of the culvert shape and size.
- She has not received anything new on Creekside Development. Extension will expire next month at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Career Link Summer Employment Experience was discussed and the board chose to pass on the opportunity for this year.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

Chairman Madara announced that there would be an executive session for land acquisition, personnel and possible litigation at 8:25 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 9:37 p.m.

- Wetzel motioned to advertise for 2 days in each the News-Item and Press Enterprise for Part-time Building Custodian/Groundskeeper/Recycling Monitor, Major seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m. Payeskie/Wetzel motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary