

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING - APRIL 13, 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, Stephen Major and Vincent 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; Chet Cook and Jack Laukaitis.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Citizen Jack Laukaitis brought to the attention of the street department a deep rut near his property on Hemlock Lane. He also asked the Board of Supervisors to please reconsider placing a street light at 487 and Pearle Ave. Citizen Chet Cook asked for guidance with a paper street issue on his property. He was directed to contact his attorney for further help prior to contacting the Planning Commission.

Stone bids were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Payeskie/Major motioned to reject all bids and re-advertise next month for the stone supplies. Motion was unanimous.

Minutes of March 9, 2010 regular meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Daubert motion and carried.

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

Bills were approved for payment on Payeskie/Wetzel motion with the adjustment of moving the invoice from Dell for \$878.92 to the State Aid Fund from the General Fund list, motion carried. The Township is able to utilize up to \$1,000 from the Liquid Fuels money for computer hardware, software or computer training yearly.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Act 205 Reports for 2009 covering both pensions were received from Trollinger Consulting Group. The reports were signed and mailed to the Public Employee Retirement Commission to meet the March 31st filing deadline.
- All Township Residents were encouraged to complete their Census form and send it in to the census bureau. It is important everyone is counted to make sure all funds available to Ralpho Township are received.
- A letter to commend one of the volunteer firemen was read.
- Letter from PennDot rehabilitation of bridge on SR 61 over Shamokin Creek was noted.
- Letter from DEP to renew NPDES Permit at Bear Gap Quarry was noted.
- Payeskie motioned and Wetzel seconded to release \$2500 budgeted to Ralpho Township Youth Sports. Motion carried.
- Payeskie/Madara motioned to allow US Census Bureau to use the meeting room for training April 27-30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at no charge. Motion carried unanimously. The police will be asked to help lock up the room each night after completion of training.

- Payeskie/Madara motioned to authorize the township to guarantee the Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township \$1,150,000 loan for financing for the Biological Nutrient Reduction project. Motion carried unanimously.
- Tax credit request from Catawissa Wood and Components. Solicitor Kerstetter is going to write them a letter stating our tax amount and that if they can get involvement from County or School District to let us know and we will relook at it.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION –

- No action at this time.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Payeskie

- We would like to hold a small retirement party for Roadmaster Bill Hoy in the month of May. Secretary will check with him on possible dates and coordinate that.
- Pipe replacement on Hemlock will be discussed in executive session.
- There was a motion made by Payeskie and seconded by Wetzel of which roads to pave and chip/seal but after some discussion it was decided that it would be discussed further and brought before the board for approval to advertise at the May meeting. Payeskie/Wetzel rescinded their motion.
- Payeskie/Daubert motioned to allow street crew to help remove shrubs at the Fire Hall. Motion carried.
- Payeskie/Daubert motioned for the 2 street employees to attend a drainage workshop in Linden, PA on April 22 with a maximum of \$15 per person to be reimbursed for lunch. Motion carried.
- Payeskie/Madara motioned to have Roadmaster purchase 40 tar blocks for crack sealing from Bradco. Motion carried.
- Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to have the vendor come with the street sweeper at \$75 per hour for a maximum of \$1,200. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- Nothing at this time.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Wetzel

- Wetzel/Major motioned to replace the current EMA Director with Donald J. Spotts, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Madara

- 8 permits were issued and \$1,306.86 in fees were collected during March. Zoning officer testified at two Zoning Hearing Board Hearings.

RECREATION - Major

- Gym door and door above library were replaced in month of March. Supervisor Madara will weather strip the door for the gym.
- Shed near softball field is still being looked into.
- Replacing light fixture in the playground was discussed. Supervisor Madara will do the repair.
- Log cabin in playground is in need of repair. Will look into this project further.
- It was noted that the playground bathrooms were opened in the end of March.

RECYCLING – Major

- Hours for recycling changed as of April 8. Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday from 12 noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 to 11 a.m.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Payeskie/Madara motioned to allow Township Manager Joseph Springer to re-apply for DCNR grant with application deadline being April 21, 2010. Motion carried.

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

- Cancer Care Clinic report was discussed. Township Engineer had comments and the surveyor did respond to some of her comments via fax. She will be forwarding further comment to the T. Bryce James, surveyor.
- She has not received anything new on Creekside Development.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to send secretary to CDL Records Management and CDL Drug and Alcohol Testing Supervisory Training on June 4th in Danville. \$15 maximum reimbursement for lunch. Motion carried.
- Major/Wetzel motioned to accept 2009 Audit and DCED report as presented by auditing firm Forgett & Kerstetter. Motion passed unanimously.
- Payeskie/Madara approval to use gymnasium for benefit basketball tournament for the Derek Crowl Scholarship again this year. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

Chairman Madara announced that there would be an executive session for possible litigation and land acquisition at 9:00 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m. Wetzel/Payeskie motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary