

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING - MARCH 9, 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, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; and Domenick Moore, of the *Shamokin News-Item*.

Supervisor Madara announced that an executive session was held after last month's regular meeting for personnel issues.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of February 9, 2010 regular meeting were accepted as presented on Payeskie/Wetzel motion and carried.

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

Bills were approved for payment on Payeskie/Daubert motion, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Received notice from PennDot that the Liquid Fuels Allocation disbursement was released on March 1, 2010 because of a Proclamation by the Governor because of the financial burdens placed on municipalities because of record setting snow falls this season.
- Received GP-5 DEP Application for Aqua Turkey Hill Road Water Main Replacement.
- Hearing Notice for Zoning Hearing Board Variance Application for Shamokin-Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority was received.
- Hearing Notice for Zoning Hearing Board Variance Application for SK Estates (Cancer Care Center) was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION –

- Wetzel/Payeskie made a motion to give Dan Honaberger "Creekside Development" an extension to June 8, 2010. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Payeskie

- Pipe replacement on Hemlock going into the Upper Philippine Development was discussed. Payeskie/Daubert motioned for Roadmaster Miller to order the 36" pipe pending the engineer's approval after researching what filing she will need to do for the Township with DEP at what cost to the Township. Motion carried.
- Discussion in regard to the township not being able to remove snow on paper streets because they are private property. It was also noted that the street department has done a good job with all the snow we have gotten this season, as well as the State doing a good job in our area.
- Wetzel/Madara motioned to authorize advertising for stone bids. Bids to be opened at April 13 meeting. Motion carried.
- Discussion on what roads to pave this spring took place. Supervisors will get together and survey the roads and come up with recommendations for next meeting.

- Discussion on oil contract for spring took place. Supervisors will also come up with recommendations for this for next meeting.
- Roadmaster Miller spoke to the supervisors about street sweeper vendor G. Bittenbender Enterprises from Bloomsburg. Supervisors would like to talk more about this next month.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- Nothing new to report at this time.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Wetzel

- Chief Appel will look into if Sunbury Motors could possibly take a trade in when we purchase the new cruiser this spring.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Madara

- 2 permits were issued and \$1,255.38 in fees were collected during February. Several occupancy permits were issued.

RECREATION - Major

- Gym door replacement will be checked on by Mr. Springer or Mr. Madara.
- Shed near softball field is still being looked into.
- There was some discussion when the playground bathrooms will need to be opened up. Secretary will check into records from the past.

RECYCLING – Major

- Discussion on possible purchase of an additional dumpster.
- Hours for recycling on Saturdays will remain from 8 to 11 a.m. There was also discussion as to possible changes in hours to make it more convenient for township patrons who are unable to make it to recycling during working hours.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Columbia County Tax Collection Committee was formed and a portion of the start up fees were charged to each entity. Ralpho Township’s portion is 2.416% for \$483. This bill was approved earlier in the bills list.
- Boss Roofing will be here when the weather is nice consistently to fix the front roof per their quote from last months meeting.

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.
- Solicitor Kerstetter has Act 51 Ordinance being reviewed by Mr. Bittner at Trollinger to verify that all is appropriate from the pension part of it.
- Ordinance for curfew was discussed and tabled.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Nothing new at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Payeskie/Madara motioned to ratify accepting insurance proposal from Gannon Associates for March 5 renewal. Total premium for package policy Workers Comp, Public Officials Liability and Police Professional Liability is \$63,282. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- Supervisors would like Fire Company Chiefs or Presidents to meet with our Insurance Agent and the agent they have covering their properties to verify that everything is covered by an insurance policy and to check for duplication in coverage. The secretary will alert the respective people to make arrangements to do this in the near future.
- Supervisor Payeskie reported what he learned at the meeting with the people from Sunrise Energy Ventures last month. At this point we don't have any further information.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Payeskie made a motion and Daubert seconded it to go ahead with the Traffic Signal Maintenance Proposal. Motion carried.
- Payeskie/Major made a motion to participate in the Joint Purchasing Council fuel oil bid for July of 2010 until June of 2011. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m. Wetzel/Payeskie motion and carried.

There was an executive session for personnel issues following adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary