

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REORGANIZATION
AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - FEBRUARY 9, 2010
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St, Elysburg, PA.**

Chairman Blaine Madara called meeting to order 6:35 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; Justin Strawser from the Shamokin News Item, Kim Potter Gannon Associates; Harvey Boyer Planning Commission Chairman; and Joseph Shepard.

Chairman Madara named Supervisors to head up departments as follows:

Street Department – Payeskie

Buildings - Daubert

Police Department/Public Safety – Wetzel

Zoning – Madara

Recreation – Major

Recycling – Major

Kim Potter gave a presentation on the Insurance package that will renew March 5, 2010.

Supervisor Daubert arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to table ratifying the insurance proposal renewal until further information is received and a phone vote will take place prior to the March 5th renewal date, motion carried. The renewal will be ratified at the March 9, 2010 meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

PLANNING COMMISSION – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Wetzel/Major motioned to give preliminary approval for Joseph A. Shepard “Shepard’s Pond Estates” Major Subdivision and Component 2 Sewage Module, contingent upon a development agreement. Motion carried.
- Payeskie motioned and Wetzel seconded to approve George Dornbach Minor Subdivision and Component 1 Sewage Module. Motion carried.
- Major made a motion and Daubert seconded to approve Jody Swartz Minor Subdivision. Motion carried with Payeskie voting no.
- Solicitor Kerstetter will attend the next Planning Commission meeting on March 2, 2010 to go over recommendations for the Campground Ordinance and bring a final product to the supervisors.

Minutes of January 4, 2010 regular meeting and reorganizational meeting were accepted as presented on Payeskie/Wetzel 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 pending Manager’s approval of Reidinger Invoice, motion carried.

Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to cancel the EMA phone account with Sprint and provide the EMA director with one of the Nextel program plan phones we currently have and reimburse Roadmaster Ed Miller \$20 per month for his cell phone. Motion carried.

Payeskie motioned and Daubert seconded to reimburse Ed Miller the \$47 on the addendum to the bills list and then issue him a reimbursement check for the remainder of the \$300 clothing allowance per year at the March meeting. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Tax Collector Charlene Zeigler was exonerated from further collections on the 2009 tax duplicate on Payeskie/Wetzel motion and carried.
- 2009 Annual Investment Reports for pensions were received from TCG Investment. They are available for review in the Township Office.
- Aqua PA Application with PUC to alter crossing at Bottle Road was received.
- Letter was received from Crossroads Group, LLC in response to Solicitor Kerstetter's letter regarding progress with the Whitetail Run Subdivision.
- Sunrise Energy Ventures information from Dave Crowl was received. Supervisor Payeskie will attend the informational meeting on Thursday, February 18 at 10 a.m.
- Liquid Fuels Audit was performed on February 1, 2010 for the year 2008. A follow up report will follow. There were no findings.
- Payeskie/Major made a motion to give the Elysburg Ambulance \$30,000 funding from the budgeted amount from the EMS tax per their request. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

STREET DEPARTMENT – Payeskie

- Payeskie made a motion to accept the letter of resignation/retirement with regret from William Hoy, Roadmaster, effective Friday, February 5, 2010. Madara seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- Spring Road Maintenance Class was discussed and Supervisor Payeskie made a motion for one or both street employees to attend, with \$10 per lunch per employee, Madara seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Pipe replacement on Hemlock going into the Upper Philippine Development was discussed. Will need to discuss this with Engineer Michele Aukerman with regard to DEP filings, etc. No decision was made at this time.
- Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to make the part-time rate for snow removal \$11.00 per hour. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- Fence repairs will be taken care of in the spring.
- Library receptacles were completed by Wade Hampton. He will repair a light in the gym. Secretary will mention to Mr. Hampton about the basketball court lights.
- Mr. Madara is going to look into the tiles lifting up in the police entrance.
- Payeskie/Madara motioned to have Boss Roofing do repair on front entrance roof quote of \$3,360. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Miller asked about some tools and supplies for the shop. He will discuss things needed with Supervisor Payeskie.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Wetzel

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Wetzel

- 3 permits were issued and \$470 in fees were collected during January. Several occupancy permits were issued.
- Exotic Animal Ordinance/household pets ordinance was rewritten by Solicitor for the supervisors review. After some discussion a motion was made to table this and to take this off the agenda by Payeskie, seconded by Wetzel. Motion carried unanimously.
- After some discussion Payeskie motioned to table the Landlord Ordinance and take it off the agenda, Daubert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RECREATION - Madara

- Gym doors have been ordered and are in now and should be replaced soon by Hampton & Appel Bros. Construction.
- Supervisor Wetzel will speak to Ralpho Youth Sports to tell them the township will allow them to construct a shed near softball field. The supervisors will need to approve the location.

RECYCLING – Major

- E-mail was received from Volunteer Recycling Coordinator Howard Shaddock in regard to an issue with the cardboard bins not being enough to handle the demand on a weekly basis as they are dumped by Coal Township Recycling. Supervisor Major and Madara are going to look into getting a dumpster for cardboard from another supplier.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Report on Act 32 EIT Collection meetings. He will attend future monthly meetings. The EIT collector needs to be chosen by the group prior to October 2010.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Everything was covered earlier in the meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Because of pending weather Michele Aukerman was not present at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: none**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to adopt resolution 2010-02 Order of Succession Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.
- Payeskie/Wetzel made a motion to release \$1,000 from both the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plan to pay actuarial/consulting fees to Trollinger Consulting group. Carried Unanimously.
- Payeskie/Madara motioned to purchase a new computer for the Supervisors Office at a price no higher than \$1,000. Motion carried with Supervisor Wetzel voting against.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 9:08 p.m. on Payeskie/Wetzel motion and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary