

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REORGANIZATION
AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - JANUARY 7, 2019
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA**

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

Chairman Major comment: As mandated by State Law and as advertised this meeting is for Reorganization purposes and the regular January meeting.

Attending were: Supervisors Blaine Madara Sr., Vincent Daubert, Stephen Major, Daniel Williams and Blaine Madara Jr. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Township Engineer Brad Aurand; Police Chief Stu Appel; Stephanie Bettick *Shamokin News-Item*; and 4 interested citizens.

Changing Chairman is merely following past practice of rotating the position every year so each board member has an opportunity to fill that capacity.

Chairman Major requested nominations for the Chairman's position. Daubert/Major motioned to elect Supervisor Madara Sr. as chairman. Chairman Major moved that nominations cease with approval of Madara Sr. as Chairman unanimous.

Major/Daubert motioned to nominate Supervisor Williams as Vice Chairman. Chairman Madara Sr. motioned to close nominations with approval of Supervisor Williams as Vice Chairman unanimous.

Major/Williams motioned to appoint Joseph Springer, Township Manager. Motion carried.

Major/Williams motioned to adopt Resolution 2019-02 setting annual salary at \$13,000. Motion carried.

Daubert/Madara Jr. motioned to appoint Debra Olson, Township Secretary/Treasurer; Schelsinger & Kerstetter, Solicitor and Larson Design Group as Township Engineers. Motion carried.

Major/Daubert motioned to adopt Resolution 2019-01 establishing the revised engineering fee schedule. Motion carried.

Daubert/Madara Sr. motioned to appoint Wagner, Dreese, Elsasser & Associates, certified public accountants for auditing services; designate township depositories PLGIT and First Columbia Bank. Motion carried.

Williams/Madara Sr. motioned to appoint Vanessa Major as Real Estate Tax Certifier, Act 511 tax collector and Delinquent Tax certifier; motion carried with Supervisor Major abstaining.

Daubert/Williams motioned to appoint Berkheimer Associates Tax Collector for Earned Income and LST taxes; Statewide Tax Recovery for delinquent taxes; Mark Lyash as Code Enforcement Officer and Flood Plain Administrator, motion carried.

Daubert/Major motioned to appoint Tri-County COG Uniform Construction Code Officer and Building Code Officer; Howard Shaddock as Roadmaster; Bill Brior as Primary Sewage Enforcement Officer and Samantha Brior Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Major/Madara Jr. motioned to appoint Doug Gessner, one-year term Township Vacancy Board, Donald J. Spotts, one-year term as EMA Coordinator; Joe Pechulis, ZHB 3-year term; Robert L. Dluge, Jr., Esq. one-year term as solicitor to Zoning Hearing Board; Chuck Yoder, 5-year term to Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township; Vince Dauber to 5-year term to Municipal Authority of Sunnyside Overlook. Motion carried.

Chairman Madara Sr. will announce Committee/Department appointments at February meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of December 11, 2018 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

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

Bills were approved as presented for payment, including those bills paid between meetings on a Major/Williams motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you from Ralpho Township Business Association for use of the meeting room was received.
- PA State Shotgunning Association General Permit Notification was received.
- Thank you from Pearl Swank for holiday decorations was received.
- Thank you from Eddie & Judy Gappa for holiday decorations was received.
- PSATS Township role in Emergency Management documentation was received.
- WJP Engineers notice of intent to submit National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit application to DEP for Bear Gap Stone, Inc. to discharge settled ground water and stormwater to an un-named tributary of the south branch of Roaring Creek was received.
- Invitation to Public Officials Day on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at Pennsylvania Farm Show was received.
- DEP notice of general permit acknowledgement for PennDot project on SR 2008 over tributary to Shamokin Creek 351 was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Major/Williams motioned to give Health Land Development a 90-day extension. Motion carried.
- Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to accept recommendation of Planning Commission to approve the Preliminary Springer Land Development. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara

- Report was received.
- Tree removal on Maple Street was discussed.

BUILDINGS – Major

- Williams/Major motioned to approve Chairman to sign revised quote for Vector to install building surveillance cameras. Motion carried.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Charles Kowalchick and Wayne Horne installed the end rails on the bleachers. The bleachers are still able to be folded up. Thank you to them for their work.
- One scoreboard controller was able to be repaired with a new piece from company on line and 4 more pieces have been ordered to repair remaining controllers.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Williams

- 1 permit was issued and \$1,455.00 in fees were collected during December. 10 letters of correspondence were sent, 19 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures; and 5 permits were closed.

- Major/Madara Jr. motioned to authorize a letter of support for the Shamokin Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority Hazard Mitigation Grant. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read.

RECYCLING – Williams

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Green Light Go Grant update was given.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Major/Madara Jr. motioned to approve Chairman Madara Sr. to sign agreement with No Nonsense Neutering. Motion carried. Vouchers will be handed out with proof of residency in Ralpho Township, with a maximum of 5 at a time.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.
- Horizon drive project has been started with more to follow in February.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Daubert/Williams made a motion to pay any regular bills that come in after meeting date because of early meeting for the month of January. Motion carried.
- MART paving update was given by Supervisor Major.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:16 p.m. p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary