

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REORGANIZATION
AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - FEBRUARY12, 2019
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA**

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

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; Police Chief Stu Appel; Roadmaster Howard Shadduck; Harvey Boyer Planning Commission Chairman; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News-Item*; Jeff Kyle DGK Insurance; and Brent Rhoades Planning Commission Member.

Jeff Kyle, DGK Insurance, gave presentation on Insurance Renewal for March 5, 2019.

Chairman Madara Sr. Announced Committee/Department appointments:

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Jr.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY - Williams

ZONING - Daubert

RECREATION – Major

RECYCLING - Daubert

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS - none

Minutes of January 7, 2019 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Williams/Major motion and carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT was accepted as presented on Daubert/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Tax Collector Vanessa Major requests to be exonerated from further collections on the 2018 tax duplicate. Daubert/Madara Sr. motion, motion carried with Supervisor Major abstaining from the vote.
- 2018 4th Quarter and Annual Investment Reports for the Ralpho Township Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans are available for review in the Township Office.
- SCA 2018 Girls Soccer Team thank you was received.
- PPL notice of replacing electric meters was received.
- Ralpho Youth Sports request for donation was received. Daubert/Major motioned to give donation of \$1,250. Motion carried.
- An email was received from Joan Horne regarding snow plowing within the Township.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Kenneth & Elizabeth Snyder Add-on subdivision. Motion carried.
- Code change discussion took place.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara

- Report was received.

- Keystone radio proposal for moving radio from 2009 pickup being sold on municibid to the boom mower and then purchase a new radio for the pickup to be purchased in spring. Major/Williams motioned, motion carried.
- Major/Madara Jr. motioned to sell and advertise on Municibid: 2009 Ford 3500 pickup with \$2,500 minimum, with pick up March 20th; 2011 Ford Crown Vic police cruiser; tar tub, and misc. items upstairs in municipal building. Motion carried.
- Discussion took place on road restoration after road cuts take place on Township roads.
- Trees on Overlook Boulevard were discussed. Williams/Madara Sr. motioned to take 4 trees down on Overlook Boulevard with Ziegerts Tree Service for approximately \$1,500. Motion carried.
- Horizon Drive stormwater was discussed and will go forward to March when putting paving out to bid.

BUILDINGS – Major

- Vector surveillance camera update was given. Building work will commence and in the fall will revisit upgrade to the cameras at the recycling/shed.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Department of Conservation & Natural Resources grant information was received.
- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to no longer rent gym for parties, etc. Motion carried.
- An actual hourly rate for teams/groups renting the gym for next season will be discussed in the future.
- Wireless controllers for the gym have all been repaired. We now have a spare controller in the gym kitchen and 2 more in the Township office.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Williams

- 3 permits were issued and \$1,205.00 in fees were collected during January. 15 letters of correspondence were sent, and 17 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read.
- Daubert/Major motioned to purchase 6 steel plate vests for tactical purposes for the police department at \$378 each. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Major asked Chief Appel if he is looking into body cameras for our department. Chief said he is still in the thought process on this.

RECYCLING – Williams

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to have chairman sign agreement with Nationwide for a reduction in fees for both the police and non-uniform pension plans. Motion carried.
- Green Light Go Grant ability to proceed is approved and ready to go forward with design. Manager has forwarded the grant to Engineer at Larson Design. October motion rescinded by Madara Jr./Williams to put it out for advertisement. Madara Jr./Williams to authorize Larson Design to move forward with design. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Major submitted information on ordering more Holiday Lights. Rileighs Outdoor Décor is running a special of 33 1/3 percent off through end of February. Daubert/Madara Sr. motioned to go ahead and order 18 holiday lights at \$435 each with \$300 shipping. Motion carried.

- Update on No Nonsense Neutering was given.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Daubert/Major motioned to adopt Resolution 2019-03 Succession of Municipal Officers. Motion carried.
- Major/Daubert motioned to authorize releasing \$1,700 from both the Police and Non-uniformed Pension Plans to pay actuarial/consulting fees to Girard Pension Services. Motion carried.
- Municipal authority paving update was given by Supervisor Major. Summerset and Alpha are where they will be cutting the roads within the Township.
- Major/Daubert motioned to accept Option #1 insurance renewal with DGK for package, worker's comp and State Worker's Insurance Fund for firemen's worker's compensation for a total of \$104,591. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

Meeting went into executive session for personnel and possible litigation purposes at 8:29 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m. p.m. on Williams/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary