

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - APRIL 9, 2019
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Madara Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:31 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; Township Engineer Brad Aurand; Police Chief Stu Appel; Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Harvey Boyer Planning Commission Chairman; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News-Item*; and 3 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Barry Yorwarth, 409 Romanoski Lane, was at meeting to bring water issue on his property to the attention of the Board of Supervisors.

Minutes of March 12, 2019 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Williams motion and carried.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Pennsylvania Compensation Rating Bureau notice of 5% safety committee credit was received.
- Service Electric notice of rate increase effective 5-1-19 was received.
- Letter received from Hanover Engineering to inform that UGI Utilities, Inc. is applying for multiple Chapter 105 General Permit 11 from DEP.
- DEP letter in regards to GP acknowledgement notification for Basciano Cabin Elevation was received.
- Northumberland County Conservation District letter reminding of the Mosquito-borne Disease Control Program was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer

- Daubert/Madara Sr. motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Charles E. and Eleanor M. Leisenring Add-on subdivision. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Jr.

- Report was received.
- Horizon Drive stormwater project is being advertised the 10th and 17th for bid opening on May 3 with vote to consider at May 14 Supervisor’s meeting.
- Crack sealing was discussed to be scheduled for the first week of May.
- Weed spraying was discussed.
- 2019 Paving Project – Major/Madara Jr. motioned to authorize advertising 2019 street paving project which includes – base repair and wearing course on Somerset Ave, Alpha Ave and Hickory Street; seal coat on Jepko Road and Romanoski Lane; alternate bid municipal parking lot and Hynoski Boulevard. On the question: bids will be opened during regular meeting of May 14. Motion carried unanimously. Let it be noted that parts of Somerset and Alpha Avenue will be reimbursed by the Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township.
- Speed humps for Hillside Avenue were discussed.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- Gym roof will be discussed further next month.

RECREATION – Major

- Paul’s HVAC will get a quote for playground water fountain installation.
- Gym rental fee update was given by Supervisor Major.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Daubert

- 7 permits were issued and \$2,465.91 in fees were collected during March. 16 letters of correspondence were sent and 20 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.

RECYCLING – Daubert

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Manager Springer and Secretary Olson attended a meeting at Northumberland County to discuss Occupational taxes. Manager and Solicitor will look into this further.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Requested executive session for personnel.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.
- Friday, April 12th Penn Dot will meet at Township for Green Light Go Grant meeting at 9 a.m.
- Josh Hoagland, Crossroads Group, was present to discuss Heath Subdivision. The Board of Supervisors asked that the plan go back to Planning Commission for further discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Daubert/Major motioned to have MG Electric replace 2 lights front of building. Motion carried.
- Vector surveillance cameras were installed and Supervisor Madara is continuing to work out kinks.
- 18 additional snowflakes have arrived for 2019 season.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Daubert/Major motioned to accept 2019 Audit and DCED report as presented by auditing firm Wagner, Dreese, Elsasser & Associates, P.C. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Major gave an update Municipal Authority sewer moratorium from DEP. He will update further in the future when he had more information.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Executive session was held for personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary