

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - JULY 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 and Blaine Madara Jr., Supervisor Williams was absent. Also attending were: Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Township Engineer Brad Aurand; Linda Sterling, SEDA-COG; Larry Deklinski Shamokin News-Item and 3 interested citizens.

Linda Sterling, SEDA-COG, was present for project selection for CDBG funds for 2019. Madara Jr./Major motioned to use \$77,098 for housing rehabilitation for 2019, with additional \$16,400 for administration of the funds. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Walter Dailey, 18 Grande Ave, was present to ask about possible future road work in Vista West. He had a concern about road crew being present in his development today. He feels Township is doing work that should not be done because one neighbor complains of water. Supervisor Madara Jr. will speak with Roadmaster and meet with Mr. Dailey.

Andy Bower, 322 Roadarmel Lane, Paxinos, was present to question why the Township does not allow Private Lanes per code.

Minutes of June 11, 2019 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Daubert 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 Major/Madara Sr. motion, motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 2018 Annual Investment Reports for the Ralpho Township Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans are available for review in the Township Office.
- Ralpho Township Annual All Home Days program booklet advertising letter and fireworks donation letter were received. Supervisors will purchase ½ page advertisement in booklet by each donating \$10.
- DEP Notice of Violation for heating oil underground storage tank violation for John Staraddio at 340 S Market St, Elysburg, was received.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**PLANNING – Harvey Boyer**

- None

**STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Jr.**

- Report was received.
- Roadmaster and Code Officer will meet with Engineer on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss street cut ordinance update details further.
- Pave-It, Inc. gave a quote for striping municipal parking lots for a price of \$970.

**BUILDINGS – Madara**

- Next meeting should have more information on gym roof.

- Major/Jr. motioned to award fuel bid for August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020 to Miller Gas and Oil, Inc. for \$.1975 handling charge bid price per gallon (amount over cost on day of delivery). Motion carried with Supervisor Daubert abstaining from discussion and bid.

**RECREATION – Major**

- Water fountain/bottle filler was installed today in the playground.

**ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Daubert**

- 10 permits were issued and \$3,613.50 in fees were collected during June, \$235 in other monies were collected for soliciting permits and campground fees. 18 letters of correspondence were sent and 29 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.
- Flood officer Lyash attended a FEMA meeting today on properties in the flood area. The zone will be expanded with 40 additional structures being added within the Township.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams**

- Report was read.

**RECYCLING – Daubert**

- none

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

- none

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

- Eliminating the Occupation tax was discussed. Solicitor and manager will research further.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

- Report was reviewed.
- Horizon Drive project kick off meeting is July 15<sup>th</sup> with construction to possibly start within two weeks after meeting. Solicitor noted letter should be send to residents now that we have a more definite date of construction.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Supervisors Major gave an update on the sewer moratorium for Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- none

**CITIZEN INPUT – none**

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:56 p.m. on Daubert/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

Executive session for land acquisition was held.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary