

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - AUGUST 13, 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, Supervisor Williams and Blaine Madara Jr. Also attending were: Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Township Manager Joseph Springer; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Township Engineer Brad Aurand; Police Chief Stuart Appel; Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Rob Naylor *Shamokin News-Item* and 1 interested citizen.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Barry Yorwarth was present at the meeting to thank the Board for helping with a 50-year water problem on his property.

Minutes of July 9, 2019 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Madara Jr. 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 Daubert/Williams motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter was received from Kathy Hoopengardner, 154 Penn Ave, regarding speeding problem in Elysburg.
- PA Housing Finance Agency notice was received for Nottingham Estates.
- Investment Summary Reports for period ending June 30, 2019 are in the Supervisor's office for review.
- Annual Notification Shamokin Bulk Plant for Superior Energy Services Inc. was received. Secretary will forward to both Fire Companies.
- Notice of intent to remediate and notice of final report for John Starodoj, 340 S Market St. were received.
- All Home Days Association notice of grant preparation for renovations was received.
- All Home Days Bingo Sponsorship request was received.
- Letter from Swank Construction Company LLC, 632 Hunt Valley Circle, New Kensington, was received in reference to PennDot project on Valley Avenue.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer

- Major/Madara Jr. motioned to approve request for 90-day extension for Heath Subdivision. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Jr.

- Report was received.
- Roadmaster and Code Officer met with Engineer on Monday, July 15th to discuss street cut ordinance. They will meet one more time to follow up.

- Madara Jr./Madara Sr. motioned to approve request from Sikora Brothers for extension of Vista View Development – Stormwater Improvement Project for substantial completion date of October 4, 2019 and final completion date to October 18, 2019. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Williams thanked Blaine Madara Jr. and Roadmaster Shaddock for getting Montour Road repair fixed.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- Gym roof estimates were discussed. 2 quotes were received. Manager will contact one vendor to get a corrected quote and come back to next month's meeting with results.
- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to allow Meadow Brook Manor Homeowner's Association to use the Municipal Building meeting room on September 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Major motioned to allow Marian Williams to use the back-municipal parking lot for 15-18 cars October 14th through the 18th. Motion carried with Supervisor Williams abstaining from the vote.

RECREATION – Major

- Major/Daubert motioned to purchase piece for playground slide that is broken at this point for \$524; and purchase two small replacement slides for \$1,716 for small fun center near basketball court in the playground. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Major also wanted to bring to the board's attention that the basketball court and tennis courts will need some repair in the near future. Possible consideration for next budget session.
- Madara Jr. informed the board of the cost to install the remaining camera in the gymnasium. Vendor verbally told Madara Jr. \$585 but will update with quote tomorrow. Madara Jr./Williams motioned to go ahead with installation. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Daubert

- 5 permits were issued and \$939.42 in fees were collected during July, \$125 in other monies were collected for soliciting permits and mechanical amusement license. 20 letters of correspondence were sent and 24 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.
- Chairman Madara Sr. thanked Officer Lyash for all of his hard work on the complaints within the Township.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.
- Harvey Boyer was present to discuss the Haunted House which will be coming up soon.
- He also updated the Board on the 911 Memorial which will be in town for All Home Days weekend.

RECYCLING – Daubert

- none

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Alternate pension manager comparison was discussed. Joe will ask the representative to come and speak to the Board in October.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Eliminating the Occupation tax was discussed further. Solicitor and manager recommend tabling this issue for now.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.
- Horizon Drive project is moving along well. Engineer will advise Sikora Brothers to submit payment application prior to next meeting for payment.
- Danson subdivision walk through took place tonight with Engineer and Roadmaster. Engineer does not recommend accepting the road until cleanup work alongside the road is completed. He will issue a notice to Mr. Honaberger with what needs to be completed.
- Green Light Go Grant preliminaries are completed. Should meet with PennDot before September meeting. Engineer will invite all members once a time and date is set.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 18 lights have been purchased with 11 sponsors to date, need 4 more sponsors. Plan to keep 2 for storage/spares and put 2 lights on the shed front as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

- none

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:22 p.m. on Daubert/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary