

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**  
*Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA*

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

*A moment of silence was held in remembrance of 9/11*

Attending were: Supervisors Vincent Daubert, Stephen Major, Daniel Williams and Blaine Madara Jr.; Supervisor Blaine Madara Sr. was absent. Also attending were: Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Township Manager Joseph Springer; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Police Chief Stuart Appel; Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Ron Bittner and Barry Keck Girard Pension Services; and 4 interested citizens.

Ron Bittner and Barry Keck from Girard Pension Services gave a presentation on the Township pension plans.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Gary Woodruff, 211 E Valley Ave, was present to ask for the ability to subdivide his property at 233 W Center St. He was directed to bring a sketch plan to the Planning Commission meeting on October 1, 2019 and the commission will review and help to understand what he can do with his property within Township Code.

David Madara, 749 Reading Turnpike Rd, was present to inquire if the Township has control over what the Northumberland County Airport does on their property. It was explained how permitting is handled within Township Code and that the state has requirements as well. He is seeing negative damage to his property from ground disturbance at the airport. Code Officer Lyash was aware of the situation and plans to ask Mike Mcleary from Northumberland County Conservation to come out and review the property.

Josh Strickland, 169 N Market St, was present at the meeting and asked that Ordinance 188 as it pertains to cars on private property be changed back to how it was worded prior to July 11, 2017. Code Officer Lyash explained why the ordinance is phrased the way it is and that he needs to govern the code the same for all properties. The Board of Supervisors told Mr. Strickland they support the way the ordinance reads and do not wish to change it at this time.

Minutes of August 13, 2019 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/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 Daubert/Madara Jr. motion, motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- DEP receipt of notice of intent to remediate and receipt of final report for John Starodoj at 340 S. Market St. was received.
- Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council letter was received in regard to growing concern about ordinances being passed by Townships that unreasonably restrict forestry.
- PennDot Signs in Right of Way notices for 4 "Permits Required" signs in the Township needing to be removed were received. Code Officer Lyash has called the contact on the letter and awaits further information.
- DEP minor amendment approval Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company notice was received.
- Email from Danville Area Transportation Study Municipal Roundtable was received. Board would like secretary to send an email and forward information on Green Light Go Grant project for intersection of Hwy 54 and 487 for spring of 2020.

## **COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### **PLANNING – Harvey Boyer**

- none

### **STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Jr.**

- Report was received.
- Street cut ordinance samples were handed out to the Supervisors by Code Officer Lyash. Roadmaster Shaddock said they will sit down next week and work on this and then get Engineer's input.
- Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to ratify hiring Bryce Reidinger at part-time street department employee effective September 5, 2019 at \$12.00 per hour. Motion carried.
- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to sell snow plow on Municibid. Motion carried.

### **BUILDINGS – Madara**

- Gym roof estimate was discussed. Major/Daubert motioned to have the gym roof replaced by Budget Roofing (008-533 Costars Contract) for project total of \$72,227. Motion carried.
- Burners will be serviced tomorrow by Paul's HVAC.

### **RECREATION – Major**

- Slides have been ordered and wall of fun center also needs repair. Supervisor Major has not heard from Ely and Associates on prices for wall as of yet. Possibly need to budget in the future for playground repairs with aging equipment now.
- Gaga ball pit has been completed by Eagle Scout Dylan Kranzel. Gaga ball will be available to be signed out in the library.

### **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Daubert**

- 11 permits were issued and \$1,417.82 in fees were collected during August and mechanical amusement license. 16 letters of correspondence were sent and 24 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams**

- Report was read.
- Thank you to the police department and fire department for all they did for All Home Days celebration weekend.
- Congratulations to Ralpho Township All Home Days on 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Secretary will send letter of congratulations.

### **RECYCLING – Daubert**

- none

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- The renewal for the current health insurance plan will take place November 1, 2019. There will be a decrease of approximately 8% in premiums.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- none

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- Report was reviewed.
- Will meet with Green Light Go Grant engineer on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. for discussion prior to going to PennDot with plans.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Holiday Light banners will be ordered in next few weeks. Still have 3 lights available for sponsorship.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 2020 MMO's – Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. Motion to approve MMO's as follows: Police Pension Plan = \$81,450 and Non-Uniformed Pension Plan = \$22,394 was made by Major/Madara Jr. and motion carried.
- Williams/Madara Jr. motioned for Trick or Treat night in Ralpho Township to be on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 8 p.m. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN INPUT** – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m. on Daubert/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary