

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - OCTOBER 8, 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 Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Township Manager Joseph Springer; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Police Chief Stuart Appel; Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Township Engineer Brad Aurand; Joe Scott Municipal Retirement Trust; Pat Shultz Ralpho Township Library; Harvey Boyer Planning Commission Chairman; Linda Sterling SEDA-COG; and 3 interested citizens.

Pat Shultz, Ralpho Township Library, was present to discuss library funding.

Joe Scott Municipal Retirement Trust gave a presentation on pension options.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Darin Narke, 6 Bradford Lane was present to ask about snow removal within the Township.

Tim Adams, 233 Roadarmel Lane, commented positively on snow removal within the Township. He has never owned a 4-wheel drive and has lived in the township 57 years and has not missed a day of work. He also was present to discuss stormwater run-off from Horizon and Sunset developments onto his property. Township Engineer and Code Officer met with Mr. Adams earlier and walked the property with him. When the developments are re-paved there are some corrections that could be made fairly inexpensively along with Township resident cooperation.

Minutes of September 10, 2019 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Daubert motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Madara Jr./Williams motion and carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- PennDot letter in response to Township resident Phil Buehler's letter was received.
- Northumberland County Association of Township Officers Annual Banquet will be held Thursday, October 24th at 5:45 p.m. at Masser's Banquet Hall. RSVP is due by October 10th.
- Northumberland County Conservation District permit authorization cover letter for General NPDES Permit for Damage Inc. was received.
- DEP Water Obstruction and Encroachment inspection report for Dan Schiel property at 479 Bear Hollow Road was received.
- DEP General Permit acknowledgment Notification for SR 2016/0050/0185 replacement was received.
- DEP statewide Health Standard Final Report Approval for John Starodoj Property, 340 S Market St. was received.
- Tax Appeal Notice for 179 Penn Avenue was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer

- Major/Madara Jr. motioned to give the Pennsylvania State Shotgunning Association Land Development plan a 90-day extension. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Madara Jr. motioned to give the Damage, Inc. Land Development plan a 90-day extension. Motion carried.

- Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to re-approve Danson Subdivision and authorize Chairman to sign development agreement. Motion carried.
- Sketch plan for Gallina strip mall behind current OIP was shared by Planning Commission Chairman Harvey Boyer. Board of Supervisors are not interested in donating the current Township owned cul-de-sac to a private citizen.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Jr.

- Report was received.
- Street cut ordinance samples were handed out to the Supervisors by Code Officer Lyash. Engineer and Supervisors will review.
- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to sell snow plow to Benton Township for highest bid of \$3,350 on Muncibid. Motion carried.
- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to advertise Leaf Collection Schedule one time in both The Shamokin-News Item and Press Enterprise. Motion carried.
- Board gave approval to complete temporary fix on driveway at 5 Horizon Drive while paving contractor is in town. Paving project next year will correct the issue. Bicycle grate will be put in place of current storm grate. If this slows the stormwater the grate placed during project will be put back in.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- Gym roof project should take place this week.

RECREATION – Major

- Slides and wall of fun center have been installed.
- Gym rental update. As of right now we do not have basketball rentals as of yet.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Daubert

- 9 permits were issued and \$2,380.72 in fees were collected during August and mechanical amusement license. 12 letters of correspondence were sent and 27 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.

RECYCLING – Daubert

- Recycling will be closed Saturday for paving project,

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Major/Madara Jr. motioned to renew current health insurance plan with Geisinger as of November 1, 2019. There will be a decrease of approximately 8% in premiums. Motion carried.
- Met with Green Light Go Grant engineer from Larson on Thursday, September 12th at 10 a.m. for discussion prior to going to PennDot with plans. PennDot reviewed and asked for stop sign on wing to right toward Paxinos from Danville. Board asked if island there could be made all concrete where two crosswalks meet.
- Manager explained that someone had contacted him to quote our insurance at renewal time. We will look into possible quote every 3 years.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.
- Linda Sterling, SEDA-COG, informed the board that to use CDBG funds for the engineering for the West Center Street Flood Mitigation Project it will need to be put out with RFP. The board gave her permission to go ahead with the RFP process.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Holiday Light banners were ordered. Hardware has arrived, waiting on banners. Still have 3 lights available for sponsorship.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Major/Williams motioned to re-budget \$11,467.76 in unused 2017 CDBG funds from the Elysburg Storm Water Channel Improvements Phase 2 project into the West Center Street Flood Mitigation Project. Motion carried.
- Holiday Tree Lighting was discussed for Sunday, December 1st. Community Holiday Tree Committee is meeting again October 16th at 7 p.m.
- Madara Jr./Major motioned to send additional budgeted funds to police and non-uniformed pension plans. Police \$24,115 and Non-uniform \$4,739. Motion carried.
- Budget meeting advertised for October 22, 6:00 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 p.m. on Daubert/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

Executive session was held for personnel reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary