

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - MARCH 10, 2020
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Major called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Executive session for personnel was held prior to public meeting from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

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; Roadmaster Howard Shadduck and Police Chief Stu Appel; 2 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Joe Gallina and Mike Catino, were present to discuss future development of property within the Township.

Minutes of February 11, 2020 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Williams/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Daubert/Madara Sr. motion and carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- none

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Mt. Road Subdivision with consideration of non-conforming depth to width ratio. Motion carried with Supervisor Major voting no.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Williams

- Report was received.
- Madara Sr./Williams rescinded motion from February meeting to advertise 2001 Ford 450 for sale and put truck on Municibid with reserve of \$3,000, to consider auction results at March meeting. Motion carried.
- Williams/Major motioned to have 2001 Ford 450 rust problems repaired for an approximate cost of \$3,500 with Danny Jones at Abundant Services in Shamokin. Motion carried.
- Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to amend current AFSCME Agreement with part-time street department workers starting at \$16/hour and full-time street department workers at \$17/hour; any employee with a CDL will receive a \$2/hr. increase over those rates; any employee hired on or after 1/2/2020 will have their pension vesting period at 10 years; increase Roadmaster Howard Shadduck's hourly rate by \$.50. Motion carried.
- Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to hire Paul Jankowski for full-time street department position at \$19.00 per hour with medical benefits, retirement benefits, holidays, vacation days and sick days per current AFSCME agreement. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Madara Sr. motioned to hire John Savitski for street sweeping for one 8-hour day at \$150 per hour. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Madara Jr.

- Madara Jr./Major motioned to purchase 2 baby changing stations to be installed in the bathrooms at the gym for \$211.67 each; and pads for \$36.49, not to exceed \$500. Motion carried.

RECREATION – Major

- Will consider carpet for playground at April meeting.
- Painting of tennis courts was discussed.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Madara Sr.

- 5 permits were issued and \$1,252.60 in fees were collected during February. 12 letters of correspondence were sent, 16 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read.

RECYCLING – Madara Sr.

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- none

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.
- Larson Design has contacted Penn Dot and the Green Light Go Grant has been extended until June 30, 2021 because of difficulty for the vendor to get required poles for the project.
- Madara Sr./Williams motioned to accept lowest bid of \$349,680.05 Herr Signal and Lighting for Green Light go Grant project. Motion carried.
- Center Street CDBG Stormwater project was discussed. Manager and Solicitor are working on Easements for the project and engineer will contact Linda at SEDA-COG to verify the time line for the project.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

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.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:21 p.m. on Williams/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

Executive Session was held for land acquisition and personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary