

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - JULY 14, 2020
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Major called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 Manager Joseph Springer, Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Police Chief Stu Appel; Township Engineer Brad Aurand; Joseph Gallina; Mike Catino; 1 interested citizen.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Tammy Krankowski on-lot sewage requirement was discussed. Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to authorize construction of on-lot sewer at Tammy Krankowski new-build on West Center Street contingent upon DEP percolation test and all other DEP requirements and planning; and, also required to file documentation with public records amending the original Feese/Gish plans stating on-lot approved for Krankowski lot.

Joseph Gallina and Mike Catino were present to discuss Gallina Land Development and get feeling of the board with cul-de-sac movement. They will now move forward with Land Development with the Planning Commission.

Minutes of June 9, 2020 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/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 Williams/Daubert motion, motion carried unanimously.

Daubert/Williams motioned to approve invoice submitted for payment from Larson Design for the Center Street Flood Mitigation Project for payment through CDBG funds. Motion carried with Madara Sr./Madara Jr. abstaining.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Email from Kelly Wiseman, Bowen National Research regarding affordable housing in Elysburg study was received. No response will be sent.
- Elysburg Fire Department Auxiliary Designer Purse Bingo notice was received.
- All Home Days Association donation request was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Madara Sr./Williams motioned to approved signing Sewage Facilities Planning Module Waiver for Wasileski Subdivision. Motioned carried.
- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Wasileski Subdivision. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Madara Jr. motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Lyash Subdivision. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Williams

- Report was received.
- Boom New Holland mower tractor is in need of repair. Severe oil leak will be looked at Wednesday morning.
- Turkey Hill road cut needs repair. Roadmaster has contacted Aqua PA.

- Supervisor Williams brought up deer crossing signs to be placed at taxpayer request on Reading Turnpike Road. Mr. Williams will respond.

BUILDINGS – Madara Jr.

- Discussion took place as to when the Municipal building will be opened back up to foot traffic. It was decided that the building will not be opened until further discussion at the August 11th meeting.
- Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to award fuel bid for August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021 to Miller Gas and Oil, Inc. for \$.235 handling charge bid price per gallon (amount over cost on day of delivery). Motion carried with Supervisor Daubert abstaining from discussion and bid.
- Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to have generator roof to be repaired for \$900 by Mike Flore Construction. Motion carried.
- Madara Jr./Major motioned to have MA Landscape & Excavating to tree trimming in front of Municipal Building and the shrubs in the playground area for \$825. Motion carried.
- Municipal shed camera system was discussed and will be brought back up next month.

RECREATION – Major

- Cleaning the gym floor was discussed.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Madara Sr.

- 7 permits were issued and \$980.00 in fees were collected during June. 23 letters of correspondence were sent, 19 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read.
- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to purchase 6 body Watch Guard cameras and 4 cruiser Watch Guard cameras from Keystone for \$39,192. Quote includes advanced technologies, PC to store data and also 2.5 days of onsite installation and training from Watch Guard. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Madara Sr. also stated that we will not purchase a cruiser this year and he hopes that we can wait until 2022 to get back on a schedule for purchasing a cruiser.

RECYCLING – Madara Sr.

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Manager Springer explained how the Green Light Go Grant funding will work. The invoices received will need to be paid up front and then Township will get reimbursed 75% once the check has cleared the bank. Invoice for engineering for the project was included in tonight’s bills list.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Hearing to Consider an Ordinance 192 amending the Township Road Cut Ordinance. Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to adopt Ordinance 192 amendment. Motion carried.
- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-05 amending road cut fees. Motion carried.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.
- Green Light Go Grant project is being held up because PennDot is still working from home because of the pandemic. Herr Signal is trying to coordinate with them to do inspection kick-off. Equipment has been ordered.
- Major/Daubert motioned to advertise Center Street Flood Mitigation CDBG project contingent upon easements being in place. Motion carried. Supervisor Madara Sr. and Madara Jr. abstained from the vote.
- Toy Factory plan review needs to be followed up.
- Danson Subdivision was reviewed and the grass has been planted in the swales, grass growth will determine taking dedication of the road within the development.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ none

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ none

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m. on Williams/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

Executive session was held for possible litigation and personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary