

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Major 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 Vincent Daubert, Stephen Major, Daniel Williams and Blaine Madara Jr., Blaine Madara Sr. was absent. 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; Becky Lock *Shamokin News-Item*; Ron Bittner and Barry Keck of Girard Pension Services.

Ron Bittner and Barry Keck, Girard Pension Services, presented pension information.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

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

Daubert/Major motioned to approve invoice submitted for payment from the Shamokin News-Item for the Center Street Flood Mitigation Project for payment through CDBG funds. Motion carried with Madara Jr. abstaining.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 2019 Annual Investment Reports for the Ralpho Township Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans are available for review in the Township Office.
- Uniform Construction Code 5-year audit review from Department of Labor & Industry was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- None

STREET DEPARTMENT – Williams

- Report was received.
- Bear Hollow and All Saints Road were discussed for future road projects, will be discussed further at budget meeting. Roadmaster is recommending no paving next year and possibly replacing several pipes instead, depending on the weather.
- Handicapped ramps winter maintenance is the responsibility of the Township.
- Glick repaired the center garage door temporarily in the shop, with needed repairs in the future.
- Pre-paving meeting on Industrial Park Road will take place tomorrow. Roadmaster will get price on paving 20x25 foot space as well.

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 October 13th meeting.

RECREATION – Major

- Discussion took place on gym use for upcoming basketball season. Supervisor Major will reach out to the organizations within the next week to see if they have come up with a plan to meet current restrictions or wait to see if the Governor relaxes restrictions on indoor attendance at sporting events.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Madara Sr.

- 10 permits were issued and \$3,718.67 in fees were collected during August. 27 letters of correspondence were sent, 21 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read.
- Daubert/Williams motioned to accept total loss offer of \$32,069.37 from EMC insurance company for 2018 Ford Explorer Cruise totaled in accident in July. Motion carried. Chief Appel will follow up with adjuster.

RECYCLING – Madara Sr.

- none

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Manager gave a report on income to date.
- Health Insurance renewal was discussed. Current plan will increase 27%. Manager is looking into self-funding plan that Geisinger is offering. He is going to contact Brad Klebon to see if he could possibly broker Township Health Insurance for further options.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.
- Green Light Go Grant project is under construction. Major/Daubert motioned to have LDG do inspections per PennDot required inspection. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Williams motioned to award Center Street Flood Mitigation CDBG project to low bidder Columbia Excavation, LLC for \$30,362, contingent upon receiving one more easement. Motion carried with Madara Jr. abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to hold Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 31st from 5 to 8 p.m. Residents are encouraged to use common sense to remain safe. Motion carried.
- 2020 MMO's – Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. Motion to approve MMO's as follows: Police Pension Plan = \$123,732 and Non-Uniformed Pension Plan = \$26,935 was made by Daubert/Williams and motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary