

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - OCTOBER 13 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 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 Shadduck; Police Chief Stu Appel; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News-Item*; and Eric Santor and Keith Shroyer representing Ralpho Fire Company.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Madara Sr./ Williams motioned to move \$10,000 line item budget to Fire Equipment Donations account from General Fund. Motion carried.

Madara Sr./Williams motioned to donate \$22,500 to Ralpho Fire Company and to try to donate more again next year toward the purchase of the 2020 Pierce Aerial apparatus. Motion carried.

Supervisor Williams commended both Fire Companies on going forward with the annual Haunted House this year. Supervisor Madara Sr. also commended the Ralpho Fire Company for purchasing the new apparatus and also having the foresight to save monies and be able to pay 70% of the new purchase.

Minutes of September 8, 2020 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Madara Jr./Daubert 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 Daubert/Madara Sr. motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- First Columbia Bank notice to make us aware that as of January 1, 2021 they will not longer be able to monitor the requirement of multiple signatures on accounts was received.
- PSATS UC Group Trust contribution rate for 2021 will be .80%.
- Request from Tax Collector Vanessa Major requesting an increase in compensation for the tax collector position. Solicitor will bring resolution to next month's meeting for approval by the board.
- 2020 State Aid Allocation per unit value is \$4,923.83. These monies were received in September 2020.
- DEP notification regarding Turkey Hill Minit Mart reportable release was received.
- ACT 205 Recover Program Election Form Level II was received. Mr. Bittner from Girard Pension Services said it is already filled in correctly and the Chairman should sign and then mail it to Department of the Auditor General.
- PennDot letter received for proposed project on SR 54.
- Bloomsburg Recycling Center letter was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to give a 180-day extension for Thomas/Williams Subdivision. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Williams

- Report was received.

- Representative from Don Bower and PennDot reviewed Progress Road with Roadmaster Shadduck and Supervisor Williams. This was the 5th year and there are 5 more years to review this project annually.
- Discussion took place on a tree removal policy/ordinance. Supervisor Williams and Roadmaster Shadduck will get together and discuss and then bring back to the board within 30-60 days.
- Leaf Collection posters will be handed out and it will be put on the web site and shared on facebook in lieu of advertising in the papers this year.
- Williams/Madara Sr. motioned to hire Paul Jankowski for part-time snow plowing at \$18 per hour. Motion carried.
- Discussion took place on selling old traffic signal, possibly sell on Municibid in the future.

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 December 8th meeting.
- Monday, October 19th the bathrooms will be closed at the playground.

RECREATION – Major

- Discussion took place on gym use for upcoming basketball season. Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to accept COVID-19 Gym Rental Guidelines as presented by Supervisor Major. Motion carried. Coaches or person renting the gym will be responsible for the guidelines to be followed. If the rules are not followed the person in charge will take chance of losing future access to the gymnasium.
- Supervisor Major gave a description of the incident that happened on the playground on October 9th involving a young girl on the monkey bars.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Madara Sr.

- 20 permits were issued and \$6,876.88 in fees were collected during September; \$150 campground fees and \$75 in transient merchant licenses. 38 letters of correspondence were sent, 20 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

- Health Insurance renewal was discussed. Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to move to self-funded policy with GFA All Access with Geisinger Health Plan. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-07 accepting deed dedication of extension of Pearle St. to a public road from Danson Subdivision. Motion carried. Solicitor will take care of forwarding documents to all involved agencies.
- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to return \$5,500 swale escrow to Dan Honaberger for Danson Subdivision. Engineer reported that project was completed. Motion carried.
- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to return of \$1,000 storm water escrow on completed lot in Roseview Estates, lots owned by Cropf, Weaver, Buckley, Wilson and Stefanowicz. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-08 allowing the chairman and secretary to sign all documentation to close on and allow Township to purchase 1.953-acre parcel of land from Central PA Petroleum. Motion carried.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.
- Daubert/Madara Jr. motioned to release remaining escrow balance of \$2,035.92 to Hoagland Major Subdivision (2008) Land Development; \$1,133.75 to Northumberland County Airport Land

Development; \$1,000.00 to Bellis On-Lot Stormwater; 1,797.50 to Kingdom Hall Land Development. Engineer has concurred that monies can be returned. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Business Association asked to include Santa's mailbox near the Community Christmas Tree Display near the municipal shed. The Knights of Columbus are planning to decorate the Community Christmas tree again this year without a celebration because of COVID. Madara Sr./Major motioned to approve placement of Santa's mailbox, motion carried.
- Board members requested that Secretary do a Code Update. Update has not happened since July 2017. Secretary will get an estimate and share with the Board Members.
- Budget Meeting advertised for Tuesday, October 27, 6 p.m.
- Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to authorize chairman to sign Federal Surplus Renewal Application form. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Major motioned to enroll in EMC On-Call 24-hour Work Injury Nurse Hotline. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – Supervisor Madara Jr. commended the Ralpho Fire Company on the phenomenal job they do and stated he knows they have limited volunteers and also commented on the amount of training necessary to use the new piece of equipment.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m. on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

Executive session for personnel was held.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary