

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - April 13, 2021
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; Engineer Brad Aurand; Assistant Manager Mark Lyash; Chief Bryon Chowka; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News-Item*; Tim Worhacz Ralpho Youth Sports; all township policemen and several family and friends of retiring Chief Stuart Appel.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Chairman Major spoke to honor and thank Retiring Police Chief Start Appel for his dedicated service to the Township and citizens for over 40 years and presented him with a plaque; new Chief Bryon Chowka and all police officers presented Chief Appel with a shadow box in appreciation of their time working with him.

Tim Worhacz from Ralpho Youth Sports was present to discuss concerns with the baseball field behind the Municipal Building. Many repairs and updates were discussed. Manager Springer, Tim Worhacz and Blaine Madara Jr. will get together in the next few months to consider applying for a grant to help with expense.

Minutes of March 9, 2021 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Madara Sr. 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 carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter received from PennDOT regarding Department Force resurfacing and seal coat projects scheduled for 2021 construction season was received.
- Girard Pension Services letter explaining change in ownership of the actuarial company that Girard Pension Services subcontracts with was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to adopt resolution 2012-05 for plan revision for Krankoski land development and allow Chairman to sign. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Daubert

- Report was received.
- Daubert/Jr. motioned to accept vegetation management proposal for cost of \$1,890 with Ehrlich. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- 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 May 11th meeting.

- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to accept proposal with Dabulis Masonry Construction, LLC, to repair the stone wall in front of the municipal building for \$6,000. Motion carried. Street crew will pressure wash wall prior to repairs being made.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Discussion took place on playground lights, more information to follow.
- Speedy Racer piece of equipment was damaged in the playground. Supervisor Madara Jr. will look into replacing it.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Major

- 11 permits were issued and \$1,375.50 in fees were collected during March; 31 letters of correspondence were sent, 35 permits were closed; 16 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping, dangerous structures, etc.; 3 burning permits issued.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.

RECYCLING –Major

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- none

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.
- Green Light Go Project is completed, will finish up with 2 more payment apps. Chairman Major thanked all involved for working through this project over the last few years. He also thanked Herr for working with the Township financially.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Major gave an update on CDBG Covid-19 Funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to accept 2020 Audit and DCED report as presented by auditing firm Wagner, Dreese, Elsasser & Associates, P.C. Motion carried.
- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to change internet package to 100Mbps/15Mbps at \$90.95 per month for Municipal Building for 3 years. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

Board adjourned to executive session at 7:37 p.m. and returned to public meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to hire Brandon Kohick as a full-time police officer, to start as soon as possible but no later than May 17, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:34 p.m. on Williams/Daubert, motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary