

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - May 11, 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; Chris Grego *Shamokin News-Item*; 2 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Beth Else, 326 Hillside Avenue, and Lori Mazeikas, 321 Hillside Ave, were present at the meeting to discuss concerns about speeds on Hillside Ave.

Minutes of April 13, 2021 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 Madara/Jr. Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

Williams/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./Madara Jr. abstaining.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Elysburg Firemen's Relief Association Compliance Audit was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- none

STREET DEPARTMENT – Daubert

- Report was received.
- Bear Hollow/All Saints pipe replacements were discussed. Assistant Manager will be in touch with PennDot representative for more information moving forward with this project.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- Discussion took place as to when the Municipal building will be opened back up to foot traffic. Williams/Madara Sr. motioned to reopen on June 1st, motion carried.
- Stone wall has been cleaned and is ready for repairs.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Discussion took place on playground lights. Madara Jr./Williams motioned to purchase 16 lights per quote from SunPar Solar for total of \$3,200. Motion carried. Next month will decide on installation.
- Speedy Racer piece of equipment in the playground has been repaired by the street crew.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Major

- 18 permits were issued and \$8,805 in fees were collected during March; 28 letters of correspondence were sent, 25 permits were closed; 16 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping, dangerous structures, etc.; 2 burning permits issued.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.
- Hillside Avenue stop sign sight distance was discussed by Chief.
- Electronic “your speed” signs were discussed for Hillside Avenue and other locations as well. More information to follow next month.
- Traffic light timing was discussed. Manager Springer and Engineer Aurand explained how the set up was explained to them by project engineer.

RECYCLING –Major

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Green Light Go Project is completed with payment of Application #4 in tonight’s bill’s list.
- Life Insurance, AD&D and ST/LT Disability provider will discontinue to offer coverage August 1st. We are working with our broker to get coverage from another provider and have also asked our current health insurance provider to see if he can provide coverage as well.
- Manager informed the board that Ralpho Township will receive \$414,850 from American Rescue Plan Funding. It will be received in two payments, 50% in June 2021 and 50% in June 2022. More information will follow as to what it can be spent on and what reporting will be necessary. Will possibly open a new account at PLGIT for the funds.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.
- Future Center Street Channel project permitting is waiting from DEP and Conservation District.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Major gave an update on CDBG Covid-19 Funding. Linda at SEDA-COG will be in attendance next month with resolutions for spending of the Covid Funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

- none

CITIZEN INPUT – none

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

Executive session was held for personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary