

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - June 8, 2021
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Major called the meeting to order at 6:31 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; Assistant Manager Mark Lyash; Tim Zyla *Shamokin News-Item*; 2 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Dennis Seroskie and John Ryan were present from the Elysburg Fire Company to ask for a donation to purchase a new tanker truck for the Elysburg Fire Company. They request \$35,000 or whatever the Township can do to help out. Discussion took place about budgeting for this in the future. The board commended the Company on their fundraising efforts and great work during the pandemic.

Minutes of May 11, 2021 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Madara Jr./Williams 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.

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

- DEP General Plan Approval and/or General Operating Permit Application Notice for Corson Asphalt Inc. was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- none

STREET DEPARTMENT – Daubert

- Report was received.
- Daubert/Madara Sr. motioned to accept with regret the retirement/resignation of Roadmaster Howard Shaddock effective July 30, 2021. Motion carried.
- John Deere mower is in for repair, approximately \$200 to repair clutch.
- Taxpayer on Airport Road asked for signage near home for pedestrian crossing. Assistant manager will write a letter to PennDot.
- Kase Street will need ditch repair in near future.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- Stone wall has been repaired.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Discussion took place on installation of playground lights when they arrive.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Major

- 10 permits were issued and \$4,977.80 in fees were collected during May; 30 letters of correspondence were sent, 40 permits were closed; 21 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping, dangerous structures, etc.
- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to return the remaining balance of \$490 to Jarett Heitzman for Stormwater Escrow Account. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.
- Electronic “your speed” sign was discussed further. Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to purchase “Your Speed is Sign” for quote \$3,240 from All Traffic Solutions. Motion carried.
- Speed enforcement was done on Hillside Avenue twice in the last month with 13 citations and 4 warnings being given. Also, Penn Dot put a portable speed sign on Penn Ave and Hwy 54 in the last month. That equipment can be used for a couple of weeks again this summer. Supervisor Madara Sr. asked if Chief could get it whenever possible.
- Traffic light timing was discussed. Assistant Manager Lyash gave an overview of the changes made this past week. It seems that the change made a good difference for the past very busy weekend.
- Williams/Daubert motioned to accept resignation from Johnathan Rush as part-time officer. Motion carried.

RECYCLING –Major

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Green Light Go Project last payment was submitted with grant close out.
- Manager Springer met with Tim Warhacz and Jan Goodlunes with Ralpho Youth Sports regarding recreation grant. DCNR rep stated first step would need a master site plan. Larson Design could possibly help with that. Manager will contact engineer for a cost prior to next meeting.
- Rail Trail is in planning stages with possibility of going through a small portion of Ralpho Township.
- Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to have chairman sign application for Covid 19 ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Grant Program; also, to open an account at PLGIT when the funds come in. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Major gave an update on CDBG Covid-19 Funding. Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to purchase equipment from Amazon for a Captive Portal, 2 wireless access points and 1 wireless bridge for a total of \$1,624.29 with COVID-19 CDBG Funds. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Daubert/Madara Jr. motioned to return \$18,584.72 to Patricia Shultz for fire escrow for property at 166 Hemlock Lane. Motion carried.
- Williams/Daubert motioned to approve amendment #2 to the LDG engineering agreement for the CDBG West Center Street Flood Mitigation Project. Motion carried with Madara Sr. and Madara Jr. abstaining.
- Madara Jr./Major motioned to allow group to park in the back lot October 18th to 2nd, approximately 10 to 12 cars. Motion carried with Williams abstaining.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:26 p.m. on, Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Executive session was held for personnel and possible litigation

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary